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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : CARLIN et al. Confirmation No: 7758  
Appl. No. : 09/700,712  
Filed : November 13, 2001  
Title : METHOD OF PRODUCING THY A-STRAINS OF VIBRIO  
CHOLERAEE, SUCH AS STRAINS AND THEIR USE

TC/A.U. : 1645  
Examiner : S. J. N. Devi

Docket No.: : CARL3004/REF  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants request that the period for response to the outstanding official action in this case be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 (a) for ONE (1) month to January 23, 2005.

The fee set in 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1) for a one month extension of time is \$120.00 and a check in this amount is submitted herewith. Please charge any additional fee required for this extension to Deposit Account No. 02-0200. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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